GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5671
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MISSION TO MOON
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Bharat Ki Chand Ke Ghar Dastak Dene Ki Tyyari` appearing in `Hindustan` dated March 28, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the total money likely to be spent on the said project and benefits likely to be achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A study team has been constituted by ISRO to examine the feasibility aspects andother related requirements for an unmanned scientific mission to Moon. The recommendations of the study team will be considered by ISRO.

(c) The details of the lunar mission and the budget provision which may be required can be worked out only after the study team submits its report. The lunar mission will provide impetus to the development of science and technology in India and will pave the way for future missions for planetary exploration.